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1. The airfield was demolished at the end of the war.
2. Clearing work was started at the airfield and in the area of the former German Air Force torpedo testing station in November or December 1946. This work was done by German Pows and Polish labor battalions under the command of Polish Lt Col BATGINSKY (according to other spelling, BATSCHINSKI), later under the command of Polish Capt. H. KUCZ.
3. Repair work on the two runways, which had been damaged by bombs, was started in early 1947. After the bomb craters were filled, the runways were given an asphalt surface. A taxiway, about 65 feet wide, was built parallel to the main runway, with which it was connected by 15 to 20 taxi lanes. A new hangar, which had been dismantled at an airfield near Breslau, was erected in the southwestern section. A barracks on the eastern field border was completed in May 1947.
4. The attached sketch, representing the airfield with its installations, was drawn from the various sketches which have been received.
5. The airfield was occupied by a Polish air unit in mid-1947. From the descriptions of the aircraft, this unit, probably one regiment, was equipped with fighters or ground attack aircraft (Soviet types). The personnel, who were quartered in the barracks on the eastern field border, were being trained by Soviet officers. According to a report of 1 May 1949, a Polish fighter unit, apparently equipped with Yak-aircraft, was stationed at the airfield.

1 Annex: Airfield of Gdynia-Barbedoly.

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